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## McLean ISD Approves Tax Rate Of \$1.078 For 2002

In another special meeting of the McLean ISD School Board on Aug. 30, the following members were and visitors were present: Board members Mike Darsey, John Holland, Joe Riley, Toni Bohlar, Neal Odom, Bille Ward & Don Dorsey; Superintendent John Griffin, Principal Dick Crockett, Principal Blaze Herring, Secretary Leslie Darsey; Visitors Margaret Milam, Pam Crockett, Bill Layman, Shaun Crawford, Pat & Mindy Reeves, Jim Shaw, Bob Sherrod, Brian Quisenberry, Ana Pierce, Bill & Ronnie Anderson, Terri Adams, Bill Reeves, Dick Everett, James Hefley, Vonda Averett, Davis Haynes, Mitzi Smith and Allen Preen.

On a recommendation by Superintendent Griffin the tax rate will be set at \$1.078. This is a reduction of .39 from last years rate, because the effective rate is \$1.01. The district is allowed to only go .06 cents above. Trustee Odom stated that the budget cuts in expenses were made and to bring in additional funding the Board chose to only go with the extra .06 cents over the effective rate. Property values have increased due to oil and gas increases. The board unanimously approved the \$1.078 rate.

Executive session was called at 7:12 and open session returned at 8:12 pm.

No changes were reported in the policy concerning extra-duty pay. All extra-duty pay was calculated in the budget and the stipends are not paid until the end of the school year. Yearbook sponsor pay has been added within the last four years.

Student enrollment numbers for K-12 are at 205, down from the beginning of school from 210-212.

The 2001-2002 Student Handbook was adopted, only a few minor changes were noted.

Bids were opened for bus insurance. David Haynes of Texas Farm Bureau was the low bidder with a quote of \$2,115.00. He was awarded the contract.

No action was taken on year end budget amendments until all the figures are available for study.

Information was discussed on the new state mandated health insurance policy in which \$1,000 will be provided by the Teachers Retirement System and \$900 will be provided by the State per employee per year. The district must pay at least \$150 per employee. Concerns were expressed that current health insurance policies will expire three months before the new plan takes effect on Sept. 1, 2002.

Griffin suggested that it's possible that COBRA insurance would be purchased during this period.

Ann Pierce addressed the board by reading a letter of questions. She was presented a print out of board policy as related to issues she mentioned as follows: All records are public information and may be acquired from the Business Office; request for information must be given a reasonable amount of time to produce the information requested; by law, charges for this service may be necessary, depending on the amount of time spent and number of copies made.

Pierce protested the charges considering that she is already a taxpayer.

Holland stated that the school has only one credit card account, with three cards. Griffin has already turned his card in. A Sam's account is used by any school employee with authorization. The last day of Griffins contract is June 30, 2002. No blank checks were ever signed. McLean ISD has a 0 fund balance each year. Griffin is in charge of the Petty Cash

account, two signatures are required by Administrator or Board members with a maximum of \$500 per check. The Board is responsible for signing all General Operating Fund checks. Holland went on to say that there is an ongoing investigation and that all questions would be answered at a later time.

Pierce stated that Griffin's and the Board's integrity had been compromised.

Cheerleading sponsor, Margaret Milam issued the Board a copy of the cheerleading guidelines. On her recommendation the Board approved the policies which replaced guidelines with a demerit system which includes the girls attending practice, showing respect to others, and not using drugs or alcohol. Joe Riley abstained from voting.

FFA policy did not require any changes. No funding is available for Jr. FFA at this time.

Coach Herring discussed Athletics policies with the Board. Discussion was held concerning meals paid for by the school when the trip is more than 100 miles. Meal allowance policy will be discussed at a later meeting.

Herring estimated that the District spent about \$7,100 on High School and Junior High meals last year. Approval was given for a football trip to Chillicothe in which meals will be purchased. Athletes are required to abide by the rules in the student handbook and guidelines set by individual coaches.

Discussion was held concerning bus drivers salaries. Having done away with one route, Griffin was hoping to increase the pay for employees with the 3 longest routes by \$1000. While consciences was to leave the salaries the same, the matter was tabled for the time being. Griffin wanted to hire Sonny Northcut to substitute bus drive, as he will have his bus certification after his 18th birthday. The board vetoed the idea of hiring a student to do such work.

Discussion was held concerning the following: lightning damage to the W.D. Wesley Co. controls that had to be repaired; phone system damage also caused by lightning, estimated to replace at \$1200; The cost of the yearbook last year was \$5,900 which is offset by the selling of

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### Open House Well Attended

McLean Elementary and High School held their annual Open House on Thursday, September 6, hosted by the PTA.

Open House gives parents an important opportunity to visit their children's classrooms, and to meet with teachers and principals. The children were on hand to give their parents a guided tour and to show off their work.

This year Open House was well attended. During Open House parents were given the opportunity to join the PTA. This year sign up

goal was 100 and there are now 80 members with 23 of those parents signing up for the high school. The children are having a contest with the class getting the highest percentage of parents to sign up receiving a pizza party; the deadline is Friday the 14th of September.

The PTA is excited and looking forward to a new year, they are preparing student directories that will sell for \$2.00 a piece and will include every student.



### Tigers Lose To Miami

The McLean Tigers dropped the season opener to the Miami

Warriors 60-12. The Miami team, composed

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## REMINDERS

**DEADLINE FOR** Gray Co. logo contest is Sept 15. Entries must be mailed to Madeline Gawthrop at Rt 2 Box 74A, Pampa, Tx 79065.

**THE MCLEAN** Tigers football team will be traveling to Silverton to play Floyd, N.M. this week. The game will start at 5:30, Friday Sept. 14. Go Tigers!

**THE DEVIL'S** Rope-Rt. 66 Museum Appreciation Dinner is Friday, Sept 14. Meet at the museum at 4:00.

**FAMILY READING** Night is Monday at 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**THE TRI-STATE** Fair begins Friday, Sept. 14 in Amarillo.

**MARK YOUR** calendars for the Circle of Friends Dinner and Homespun Auction on Oct. 8 at 6:30 p.m. at the Red River Steak House. All Proceeds benefit Cancer patients.

**September 13** - Rita Barker, Bryan Bockmomm, Mr. Throckmorton, Julie Marsh, Brenda Wallis, Amber Dawson.  
**September 14** - Jerrett Coleman, Quenton Story, Leslie Darsey.  
**September 15** - Virginia Jones, Dale and Rose Steel (A).  
**September 16** - Mary

Powell, Tommie Dee Hill, Betty Lopez.  
**September 17** - Relia Ayers, Sondra Bybee, Julia Lee.  
**September 18** - Elaine Sims, J.L. Mann, Jared McClellan, Peggy Simpson.  
**September 19** - Tuffy Sanders, Tammy Syfrett, Carla Kirkland.

**Dinner Held**  
 The First Baptist Church of McLean had a dinner on September 9 honoring their pastor, Brian Quisenberry and his wife, Pam on their first anniversary with the McLean First Baptist Church.  
 They were presented with a money tree. An abundance of food was served to almost 100 people.

**Girls Register For Girl Scouts**

The McLean Daisy, Brownie and Girl Scouts troops began registration Friday for the 2001-2002 school year, before the school open house. If you missed registration day and would like to join Scouts it is not too late. The Daisy and Brownie Troops will meet again on Wednesday, September 26, at 3:30 p.m. at the Assembly of God Church. You can register there or call Shawn Bybee at 779-3255 for Daisy Scouts or Ella Mae Reyna at 779-



Ashley Russel signs up for Brownies. 2548 for Brownies. The time has not been set yet for the Junior or Cadet Scouts. For more information on them call Beverly Odom at 779-2309.

**LOVETT MEMORIAL LIBRARY BOARD MEETING**

The Lovett Memorial Library Board held its monthly meeting on Wednesday, September 5. Board members in attendance were: Ellen Malone, Librarian, Mary Emma Woods, Sam Haynes, and Joe Morgan, with new members, Susan Williamson and Jim Reyna.  
 Ellen Malone says, "the board is wonderful to work with. I enjoy having a board that is so supportive." She invites everyone to come and check out books and to enjoy the computers. The "Gates Computer" has many educational resources for all ages including children not yet in school.

**Commissioners Hold Regular Meeting**

The Commissioners' Court met in regular session on August 15, 2001 at 9:00 a.m. at 315 N. Ballard, Pampa, Texas. The following officers and members were present: Richard D. Peet, County Judge; Commissioners, Joe Wheeley, Pre. #1, Jim Greene, Pre. #2, Gerald Wright, Pre. #3, and James Hefley, Pre. #4. Commissioner Wheeley

gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Tina Williams addressed the Court will concerns about repairing caliche roads at Gray 13 and Gray K.

Dr. Louis Haydon advised the Court that Gray County now has a chapter of ACCORD and distributed additional literature.

The minutes of the August 9, 2001 meeting were approved.

The minutes of the August 1, 2001 meeting were approved.

The minutes of the July 31, 2001 meeting were approved.

The court will wait until September 14, 2001 to make a ruling on utilizing unexpended bridge money for other county road projects. They will meet with

Mark Tomlinson of the Texas DOT to discuss this issue.

**SPECIAL COMMISSIONERS' MEETING**

The Commissioners' Court met in Special Session on August 24, 2001 at 9:00 a.m. The following officers and members were present: Richard D. Peet, County Judge; Commissioners, Joe Wheeley, Pre. #1, Jim Greene, Pre. #2, Gerald Wright, Pre. #3, James Hefley, Pre. #4; and Susan Winborne, County Clerk.

A motion was passed to adopt \$7,443,223 as the 2002 proposed General and FMLR Budget.

A motion was also passed to adopt a proposed 8% tax increase to .475833 per \$100 evaluation.

**TOWN HALL MEETING SCHEDULED**

The Girl Scouts of the Texas Plains Council will host a Town Hall Meeting on September 10, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 420 S. Jefferson, Clarendon.

Judge Jack Hall will facilitate a discussion regarding Camp Cibola.

**McLean Care Center News**

We are so fortunate to live in a community where the people care about one another and the elderly. Our churches and their congregation take part in Sunday School and Church Services every Sunday. Each church has an assigned Sunday. The Methodist Friendship class just moved their Sunday School class to the Nursing Home years ago and every Sunday they meet at the Care Center and have Sunday School. This means a lot to the residents, because most cannot get out to go to church any more. God bless you all.

Regular activities went on as usual. Wednesday afternoon was the Methodist Ice Cream Social. The residents always enjoy this. Friday afternoon will be the September Birthday Party at 2:30 p.m. The birthday people are Ross Grogan, Bill Anderson, Beulah Pyeatt, Relia Ayess, Lonnie Knutson, O.J. Miller, Ray Morris and May Powell.

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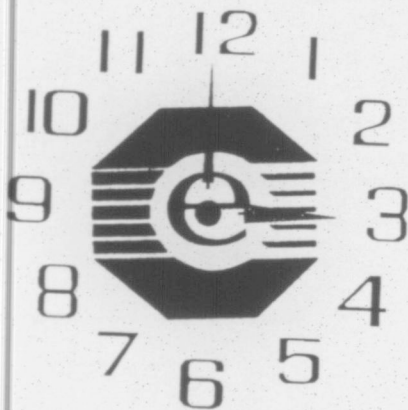
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**First Assembly of God 4th & Main**  
 Pastor Dean Williamson 779-2221  
 Sunday School - All Ages 9:30 am  
 Morning Worship 10:45 am  
 Sunday Night & Youth Services 7 pm  
 Wednesday Night Service 7:00 pm

**First Baptist Church 206 E. 1st**  
 Brian Quisenberry, Pastor 779-2175  
 Sunday School 9:45; Worship 11 am & 7 pm  
 (Youth) & Wed. Bible Study, Prayer Meeting 7 pm

**United Methodist Church 2nd & Gray**  
 Pastor Thacker Haynes 779-2049 & 779-2337  
 Sunday School 9:45 am Worship 10:50 am & 6 pm  
 Sun. Sr. High Youth Alpha Chi 5 pm  
 Wed. Choir 7:00 pm

**Heald United Methodist Church**  
 Kellerville Road  
 Sunday 9:15

**Trinity Baptist Church 603 Commerce**  
 James Mantooth 779-3207  
 Sunday School 9:45 am Worship 11 am  
 Sunday Evening Worship 7 pm  
 Bible Study & Prayer Meeting Wed 7 pm

**Cowboy Church at Red River Steakhouse**  
 Cowboy Preacher - Kitchell Collins  
 779-2456 or 779-2965  
 Sunday Evening Worship - 7:00 p.m.  
 Children's Church, Sunday - 7:00 p.m.

## McLean School Lunch Menu

Sept. 17-21  
Breakfast

Monday: Cold cereal, muffins, juice, milk.

Tuesday: Pancakes, peanut butter, sausage, juice, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast burritos, hash brown potatoes, juice, milk.

Thursday: Biscuits, gravy, bacon, juice, milk.

Friday: Donuts, cinnamon rolls, juice, milk.

### Lunch

Monday: Chili cheese dogs, tator tots, pineapple, milk.

Tuesday: Steak fingers, french fries, applesauce, texas toast, milk.

Wednesday: Lasagna, salad, fruit cocktail, bread sticks, milk.

Thursday: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, corn, hot rolls, jello, milk.

Friday: Cheeseburgers, curly fries, baked beans, cookies, milk.



## Study Club Holds 1st Meeting

The McLean Pioneer Study Club met on Thursday, September 7 for the first meeting of the year, with 16 ladies present. Each received a program for the year and Mickey Jackson presented each lady with a carnation.

The ladies traveled to Canadian for a delicious lunch at the Cattle Exchange Restaurant. The restaurant is located on the main floor of the old Moody Hotel. The ladies enjoyed a fine meal and fellowship with one another. They then took a tour of the River Valley Museum in Canadian. The museum was filled with geological

displays, old photographs, Indian artifacts and many, many displays of furniture, offices, ranches, and other things depicting life in Canadian's past.

The next meeting will be held at the Devil's Rope Museum in McLean, on Thursday, September 20, at 2:00 p.m. Betty Morgan will be the hostess and Ruth Magee will present the program.

Pray for our country's leaders during this dark hour.



## BOARD

advertising for the book; the TIF grant was approved as written, but it seems some items bought do not qualify for reimbursement. The board feels they have legal grounds to fight this and encouraged Mr. Griffin to keep after the TIF Board. Inventory sheets will be turned in at the next school board meeting on Sept. 17.

The Board went into executive session at 9:40 p.m. Mr. Crockett was summoned into the session at 10:30. They returned to open session at 10:45. No action was taken. The meeting was adjourned.

[Editor's Note: Due to the length of the school board minutes we have edited some issues which we feel are of less public interest.]

## FOOTBALL

mostly of experienced senior players, put on an impressive showing of offense. But there were some bright spots for McLean. Total passing yardage equalled 160 yards. Offensively, James Alexander contributed about 100 of those yards. Chris Sparling displayed his senior leadership and calmness at the quarterback position.

Coach Smith said that his young team just needs some more experience but that they are stepping up and doing better. He is looking forward to district play later this season.



Students of the Week for September 3-7: Kindergarten-Chris Walker; 1st Grade-Chance Roland; 2nd Grade-Ashley Russell; 3rd Grade-Erin Vassey; 4th Grade-Caleb Crawford; 5th Grade-Jon McAnear; 6th Grade-Travis Fish; 7th Grade-Steven Vassey.



## United Methodist Women Meet in McLean

The Pampa District of United Methodist Women met on Saturday, Sept. 8th here in McLean. There were about 70 ladies from all over the Panhandle here. Mrs. Madline Boadle from Big Springs was the guest speaker. Her topic was

on Mission and what we could do and should do to support our Mission projects.

Ms. Marcie Henard from Wellington was elected the new president.

Thanks to all the local ladies for their help for this meeting.

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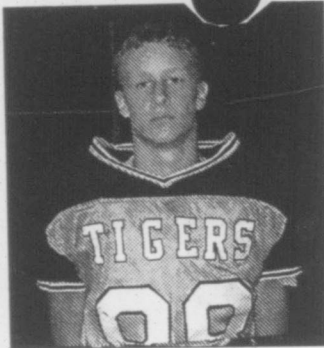
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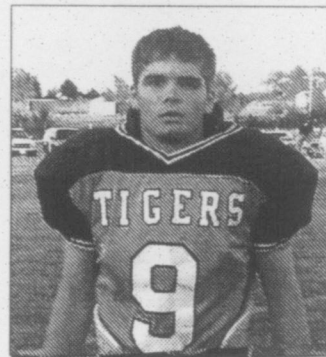
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## Letter To The Editor

In the "Lets put all this behind us" category or it may take a shovel and some time.

Should the McLean ISD school board be interested in the degree to which they have overseen the protection and security of school assets, a short field trip by the group might be in order, to view the Alanreed school building and gymnasium and their contents or lack thereof. A personal look can be much more effective than a mile of rhetoric. This approach is predicated of course on sufficient interest of the responsible parties. If such a thing is practicable perhaps a few taxpayers could go along. The current administration has evidenced no interest in attempting to recoup any value of the loaned and missing properties. What happened at Alanreed incident to consolidation was wrong and wasteful. The prior school boards can take credit for part of this waste and negligence. The financial shortage announced in July was

totally unexpected apparently. In a board meeting in July where the subject was discussed, the greatest insult to the taxpayers of this district occurred when a direct quote was "I had no idea." The people you trust to handle the schools affairs "had no idea" unfortunately that statement is utterly believable. Then after there was "some idea" no one knew whether \$100,000.00 or \$500,000.00 were needed for the next two months operations.

File your thoughts away and bring them out at the next school board election. Require yourself to know the real motivation behind the individuals desire to run. The announced reasons are altruistic and border on the maudlin. If this newspaper can stand me for one more week, I will get into the motivating factors of school board candidates.

There were some interesting developments at the last board meeting, unfortunately they were

not made available to you by the board. If they are not forthcoming, I will try to fill in the blanks.

It is your school and your money.

Bill Reeves



### Trout Celebrates 95th Birthday

Susie Cooper Trout celebrated her 95th birthday, August 22, 2001. Her children hosted a birthday party for her Saturday, August 25, 2001 at her home in McLean. There were approximately 88 friends and relatives there to help her celebrate this special occasion. Every one was served sandwiches and trimmings, cake, and ice cream. There was a lot of fun and visiting and everyone enjoyed the day, especially Susie.

Just some of those visiting were: Myrtle, Vada, Maudie & Ralph; Wesley & Jennie, Joyce & Julian; Bonnie & A.J.; Donna, James & Steve, Tommy & Anna; Susie; Paul, Irea & Sammy; Archie, Clarence & Doris; Clarence Jr. & Debbie; Dale, Jamie, Courtney, Abbie & Tyler; Doug, Rosie Lee, Jessie & Jay; Mary Lou, Missy, Zachery & Cameron; Bill & Billie; James & Sylvia; Amber, Jeremy, Hunter & Breydon; James, Heidi, Michael & Anna; James, Cindy Brandi, T.J., Ami, Lyne & Hunter; Kari, Todd, Alisha & Asa; Ursula & Cheryle; Mike & Charolette; Randy, Martha, Sam & Sean; Linda & Nichole; Shelia, Talon & Bentley; Tracy & DeAnn; Mozelle; Ronnie, Julie Summer, & Ashley; Julie Massengill; Debbie & Kathy; Wanda Smith; & Jane Herndon.



### Mr. & Mrs. Bobby Massey Celebrates 50th

Bobby Jack and Ella Mae Massey celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a family dinner given in their honor on August 25 in Lubbock. They have also planned a trip for a later date. Hosts for the

event were their children and grandchildren.

Massey married the former Ella Mae Castleberry on August 25, 1951 in Clovis, New Mexico. They have lived in McLean for 29 years.

Bobby Jack is retired from El Paso Natural Gas. Ella Mae is a

homemaker. They own and manage Massey Rental Properties.

Children of the couple are Brent Massey and Gene and Brenda Galley of McLean.

The couple have two grandchildren. They are Jonathan and Rachel Galley of Lubbock.

### Jaylene Watkins Hired By Advertising Agency



Before that, she worked with Dutton and Lott in the corporate marketing department of an international floral service company.

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"Working previously with Jaylene, we knew that her writing style, personality, hard work and passion for life would be an exciting addition to our agency," said Dutton.

Watkins' responsibilities include account service, public relations, marketing, job traffic and print production.

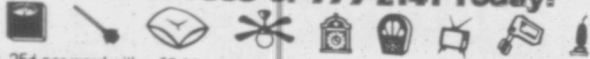
Watkins was the top public relations graduate from the University of Oklahoma where she graduated with a B.A. in Journalism and Mass Communication in December 2000. While at OU, Watkins won the Oklahoma Public Relations Society of American Zenith Award for public relations writing. Watkins was a member of Kappa Tau Alpha national journalism honor society, Golden Key national honor society, and she served as president of the OU chapter of the Public Relations Student Society of America.

After graduation, Watkins worked at a large local Oklahoma City ad agency as an account coordinator.

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The residence of the Independent Executor is Groom, Carson County, Texas; the post office address is: c/o: Marshall Sherwood, Attorney at Law, P.O. Box 947, Panhandle, Texas 79068-0947.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

Dated the 5th day of September, 2001.

Sherwood and Sherwood, Attorneys at Law, Marshall Sherwood SBN 1825000, P.O. Box 947, Panhandle, TX 79068. Telephone: 806-537-3591. Facsimile: 806-537-3592. s/Marshall Sherwood, Attorney for the Estate. State Bar No.: 18255000

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## City Of Groom Lowers Taxes, Raises Water And Sanitation Rates

Groom residents will notice a slightly lower tax rate for 2002, but will see an increase in water and sanitation fees after aldermen voted on these measures in a special called meeting on August 27.

Attending the meeting were Mayor, Joe Homer, Aldermen Ellis Stapp, W.H. Ollinger, Don Case, Forrest McLaughlin, and Chris Welch. City Secretary, Mary Sue Lyles was also in attendance.

A public hearing opened the nights activities and with no members of the public present, the called meeting was begun at

8:05 p.m.

A motion was passed to increase water rates \$0.10 per thousand gallons of water, on all water used after the 2000 gallon minimum rate has been exceeded. The cost of water will be \$7.00 for the first 2000 gallons of water (this is the same rate as in the past and is the minimum), but for each thousand gallons after the minimum, it will be \$1.38 for customers inside the city limits and \$2.35 for customers residing outside the city limits. Since the water rates are ordinance, this increase will not take effect until after publishing and public

hearing requirements have been met.

B.F.I., the company that provides dumpster and garbage pickup for the City of Groom raised rates in Groom last year, which the City absorbed at the time of the increase. The additional fees will be passed on to customers with residential dumpster users seeing an average increase of \$0.86. Forrest McLaughlin, Don Case, Chris Welch and W.H. Ollinger voted for the increase, while Ellis Stapp voted against it.

The budget for 2001-2002 was approved with the following changes: in the General Account  
See City, pg 5

## Groom Tigers Topple Amherst Bulldogs With 54-0 Win

The football game last Friday night against Amherst may very well go down in the history books as "the game Groom won without an offense"!

Four of Groom's touchdowns came from punt returns, kick-off returns and fumble recoveries. Four points were scored for Groom by the other team on 2 safety's and only two touchdowns were actually made by setting up plays and scoring. Not that anyone is complaining! Fans are happy with the win, irregardless.

The 45 point "mercy" rule was invoked at halftime to end the game 54-0.

Groom earned 9 first downs to Amherst's 1. Groom only gained 60 yards on 13 carries, but again, it was a defensive game from the get go. The Bulldogs actually lost 38 yards on 19 carries.

Groom scored 3 touchdowns on its passing game, completing 3 of 3 passes for 91 yards. Amherst completed 2 of 12 passes for 24 yards. The bulldogs kicked 4 punts

which averaged 24.25 yards. They also had 4 fumbles and recovered one.

Cody Bivens earned the first two TD's for the Tigers on a 49 yard punt return and a 46 yard punt return. Clay Ritter made good the point after kick of the first touchdown.

Ritter recovered a fumble to score on an 18 yard run and Cody Bivens made good the PAT, which brought the score to 22-0 still in the first quarter.

See Tigers, pg 4



The Groom Tiger Mascot made a big hit at the pep rally with fans, young and old.



It's great to see Groom Scouts honoring our flag at ball games and other times again. These boys are Tyler Case, Eric Torres, and Tyler Babcock assisted by Tim Case.

## Groom School Roll Back Election Date To Change To General Election, November 6

Due to the unforeseen difficulties, the school roll back election will not be held on September 29 as originally scheduled. Instead the voting will take place the same day, November 6, as the General Election.

"We were unaware of a law stating that no other election could be held within 90 days of a General Election," stated Superintendent Kevin Noack. "So we must have the election on November 6 or look at waiting until February or March."

The only hitch in the situation is that the Appraisal District must send out tax notices on September 30.

If the roll back is approved, the Appraisal District will have to send out new notices and refund the difference in collected taxes back to the tax payers who pay their taxes between September 30 and November 6.

The \$1.50 tax rate has already been approved by the board. Only if voters want the taxes rolled back to \$1.47

would there be a problem. The lower rate is due to an increase in property values, mainly oil and gas property, last year. The increase will be insignificant to the average homeowner. It is estimated that the difference between the \$1.47 rate and the \$1.50 rate will only amount to about \$10 per home. But this is a very important \$10 in terms of school funding.

When one adds the I and S "interest and sinking" to the taxes

property owners will actually be paying one cent less than last year. The 2001 rate was \$.012 cents and this years rate will be \$0.11.

"We are ending the year with around \$186,000 deficit," stated Superintendent Noack. "With the cuts made by the board last year, we are hoping to end next year with less than \$1,500 deficit. However, there are so many factors that effect our revenue, it is impossible to know for sure."

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THE TIGERS will be taken a much needed break, as they have an open date this Friday night.

A PEP RALLY will be held for the Tigers at 2:50 on Friday in the high school gym.

HOMEcoming will be celebrated on September 28th when the Tigers face off with Fort Elliott at 7:30 pm. Watch The Groom News for more details on Homecoming activities.

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 Keep watching The Groom News for more information on the election and other local issues of interest.

**Groom Birthdays Anniversaries**  
 September 13 - Cady Wilson.  
 September 15 - Amanda Paige Conrad.  
 September 16 - Jerry Dee Schaffer.  
 September 17 - Sherry Rocha, Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Wieberg (A).  
 September 19 - Vivian Lacy, Mrs. Frank Babcock, Katie Rose Leven, Thomas J. Moranic, Mr. and Mrs. Don Case (A).

## Local Happenings

**SICK OR RECOVERING**  
 Vernie Watson and Zoah Britten.

Vivian Lacy sends greeting from Georgia Manor in Amarillo. She said she missed everyone in Groom.

Erynn Brown, daughter of Scotty and Pam Brown celebrated her fourth birthday on Sunday at the City Park. The children ate hot dogs, chips, and red punch. Erynn's cake and cup cakes were decorated like the little mermaid. Attending the party were Scotty, Pam, Cassandra, Zack, and Victory Brown, Michelle Dorsey, Ross Brooks, Cheyenne Cole, Amanda and Christopher Chaney, Tara, Josh, Katie, and Eric Davis, Sabrina, Cassie, and Jimmy Leven, Jerry, Lisa, Sonny, Lane, and Britteny Stegall, Uncle Jimbo and Aunt Paula Brown.

Pops and Granny Brown ate cake with Erynn at her home after the party.

Shelly Britten was the honoree at a birthday breakfast held at the Dairy Queen.

Those wishing her well were Katie Talley, LaVesta Barnett, Barney Davis, Tina and Christy Weller, Allie Hoyt, Lucille Britten, Irma Ray Rutherford, and Donna Burton.



### It's A Boy!

Everett, Matthew and Briteny Steward welcomed a new baby brother into the world on September 4, 2001 at 3:22 p.m. He weighed 7 pounds, 6 ounces, and was 19 inches long. Happy parents are Richard and Carlene Steward of Abilene, Texas. Grandparents are Jimmy and Sue Britten of Groom. Great grandmother is Zoah Britten of Wheeler.

### SHERIFF'S REPORT

There were four persons booked into the Carson County Jail during the week of September 3 through September 9, 2001. Currently there are 18 persons incarcerated in this jail and 17 additional prisoners being held in other jurisdictions.

Arrest made this week include: Jose Garcia, age 33 of Amarillo, TX-Driving while intoxicated, 1st.

Elizabeth Walker, age 54 of Memphis, TX-Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

Derrick Walker, age 45 of Memphis, TX-Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

Ronald Davis, age 43 of Pampa, TX-Driving while intoxicated, 3rd.

## Business's Window Contest Planned For Homecoming Week

In just two weeks, Groom ISD will celebrate Homecoming 2001. The student council will be in charge of festivities for the event. They have some very exciting activities planned for those who participate and those who spectate.

Scheduled for Monday afternoon (weather permitting), a mud volley ball game will be held. This is always a fun event for everyone involved.

On Tuesday, some of our very masculine football players will explore their feminine side with one of Homecomings favorite, if not humbling, Mr. G.H.S. contest.

Thursday night will find the Cubs traveling to Fort Elliot for their game, followed by the

bonfire, another long standing tradition in Groom.

There will be a downtown pep rally on Friday afternoon. Student council member, Luke Pavlovsky stated that there will be a business window contest

with cash prizes of \$15 for 1st, \$10 for second, and \$5 for 3rd. All businesses are encouraged to decorate their windows to boost community spirit.

The Coronation will be held on Friday just before the game kicks off. It will be held on the football field unless the weather is bad.

More details, times and places will be available next week on specific activities. Watch The Groom News for more information.

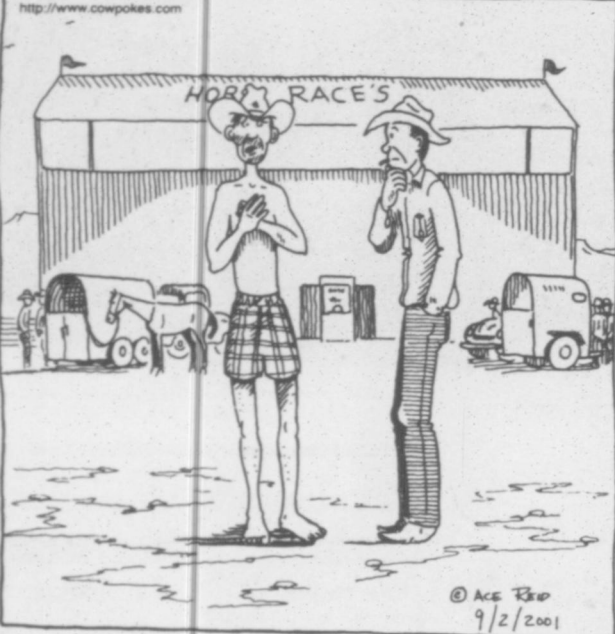
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northeast of Groom. The grandparents of the bride are Mozelle Pendleton and the late William Ross Pendleton, northwest of Dumas and Alla Jean Kepley and the late S. N. Kepley of Sunray, Texas.

The maid of honor was Angie Kepley-Jeffers, sister of the bride from Canyon, TX. The bridesmaid's were Tiffanie Hollan of Clarendon and Carrie Davis of Groom.

Best man was Brad Sustaire of Groom. Groomsmen were Corky Hickey of Groom and

Sam Thomas also of Groom. Users were Trae Kepley, brother of the bride of Canyon and Jamie Crum, cousin of the bride from Burkburnett.

The flower girl was Brooklyn Kerlee, daughter of Sharolyn and Kevin Kerlee from Groom. Ring bearer was Sonny Stegall, nephew of the groom and son of Lisa and Jerry Stegall from Groom.

The music was performed by Janetta Lamb and Shirley Fields. Deanna Hurt, cousin of the bride from Amarillo sang Household of Faith and You've Got a Way. I Will Be Here by Steven Curtis Chapman was played while the grandmothers and mothers were being seated. Unity candles were lit by the

mothers and then by the bride and groom as Household of Faith was being sung.

The bride wore a strapless sweetheart neckline with a combination corset/empire bodice. The organza ball gown skirt was adorned with a wide band of satin at the hem, finished with venice appliques. A tiffany length train completed the gown.

The veil from Erica Kaesler, style V-1172 is a full circle bunkeeper of appliques re-embroidered with silver thread and Austrian crystal wire stems, two tiers with rolled edges.

The bride wore her mothers five star diamond ring for her something old. She wore new gold and diamond earrings for her something new. She borrowed her mothers diamond pendant necklace for her something borrowed and her aunt Ann Crum gave her a blue garter.

The reception dance was held at the Grandview-Hopkins school. Cake servers were all aunts of the bride: Patricia Cripps from Sunray, Ann Crum from Burkburnett, Mini Grider from Dumas and Penny Pendleton from Amarillo. The bride's cake was five separate cakes on an upward spiral with lavender and

rose colored silk flowers topping all of the cakes. The groom's cake was a rich chocolate in a three tiered heart shape with white and chocolate covered strawberries in an array of tuxedo shapes.

The bride and groom danced to I Could Not Ask for More. The bride danced with her Dad to Butterfly Kisses and the groom danced with his mother to Wind Beneath My Wings. The bride's parents danced to Endless Love.

The bride is a graduate of Groom High School.

She is currently attending West Texas A&M University and is pursuing a degree in elementary education. She is employed by Sitel Corp. in Amarillo. The Groom is a graduate of Groom High School and is attending West Texas A&M University, pursuing a degree in athletic training. He is employed at Attebury Grain in Groom. The couple went to Amarillo for their honeymoon and are planning a Bahamas trip during their Spring Break. They will reside in Canyon, Texas.

Jessica Leigh Kepley with Reverend Dee and Jamie Allen Shuck and Slocum officiating. The bride is the daughter of Loretta and Solomon Kepley, from Baptist Church in Groom

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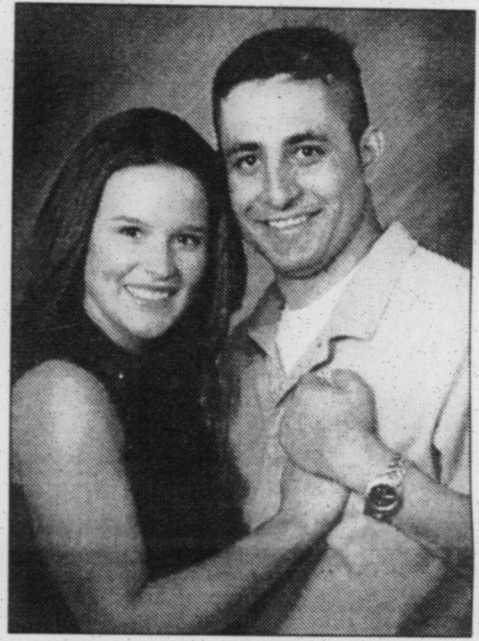
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## Thomas - Zamudio Plan October Wedding

John and LaVerne Thomas of Groom are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Maggie to Eric Zamudio of Pampa.

Maggie is a 1998 graduate of Groom High School. She holds an Associate Degree in Fine Arts from Clarendon College and is currently attending West Texas A&M University pursuing a degree in Elementary Education. She currently works for Hastings Books and Records in Pampa.

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## TIGERS

Trey Britten caught a 27 yard pass from Clay Britten to score the first offensive touchdown of the night and Cody Bivens kicked the point after to bring the score at the end of the first quarter to 30-0.

Hugh Weinheimer caught a 24 yard pass from Clay Britten to open the second quarter.

The next points were a gift from the Bulldogs as they made the first of two safety's which are worth 2 points.

Clay Ritter scored a touchdown on a 66 yard kick-off return.

He then caught a 40 yard pass from Clay Britten to score again.

Just before the end of the quarter, Amherst again was tackled in the endzone for a 2 point safety.

Individual stats are as follows:

Garrett Britten lead the rushing yardage with 36 yards on 4 carries.

Doug Fields earned 23 yards on 3 carries. He also completed 7 unassisted tackles.

Lance Ollinger completed 11 yards on 2 carries and had 1 unassisted tackle.

Cody Bivens had another awesome performance gaining 2 touchdowns from 2 punt returns totaling 95 yards and 2 unassisted tackles.

He also earned 6 points on PATs.

Calvin Schaffer gained 38 yards on a kick-off return.

Clay Britten connected on 100% of his passes

for 91 yards on 3 passes and had 1 unassisted pass.

Clay Ritter showed remarkable skill earning 3 touchdowns for the Tigers. He earned 1 as a receiver on a 40 yard pass.

He returned a kick-off for 66 yards and a touchdown. He recovered a fumble to score a touchdown on a 18 yard gain. He also completed 9 unassisted tackles.

Trey Britten scored a touchdown on a 27 yard pass. He defensively completed 7 unassisted tackles.

Hugh Weinheimer scored a touchdown on a 24 yard pass and had 3 unassisted tackles.

Jeff Rios earned 1 unassisted tackle and sacked the quarterback.

Owen Weinheimer completed 2 unassisted tackles.

"I was very happy with the effort I saw out on the field Friday night," stated Coach Larry Reid. "I'm just sorry that we didn't get the chance to play a more offensive game. We will have two weeks to prepare for Miami on Sept. 21. There is an open date this Friday night."

Miami may prove to be a real test for the Tigers. They 45ed McLean and will play Silvertown this week.

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Tigers**

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SEPT. 17-21

### Breakfast

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Tuesday: Banana bread squares, toast and jelly, fruit, juice, milk.

Wednesday: Hot/cold cereal, cinnamon toast, toast and jelly, fruit, juice, milk.

Thursday: Scrambled eggs, sausage, toast and jelly, fruit, juice, milk.

Friday: Cinnamon rolls, toast and jelly, fruit, juice, milk.

### Lunch

Monday: Sloppy joes, fritos, pickle spears, cantaloup, milk.

Tuesday: Chicken fajitas, baked pinto beans, salad, soapillas, milk.

Wednesday: Steak fingers, mashed potatoes, gravy, carrots, hot rolls, fruit, milk.

Thursday: Taco salad with meat and cheese, salad, refried beans, apple crisp, milk.

Friday: Pizza, corn on the cob, salad, jello, milk.



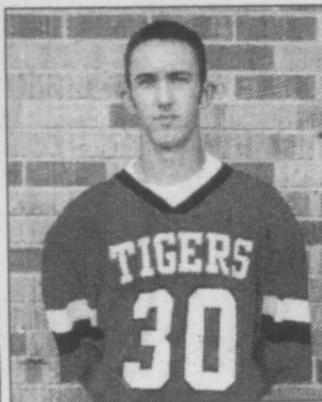
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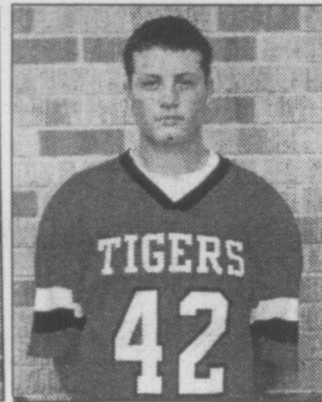
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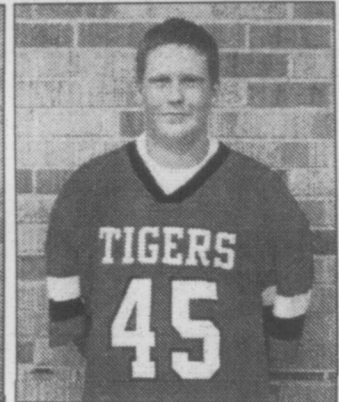
# GROOM TIGERS 2001



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# Christian Mothers Plan Annual Bazaar

The Christian Mother's met in the parish hall on Monday, September 10, 2001. There were 26 members present. A delicious enchilada meal with all the trimmings was prepared for guests. The opening prayer was led by Rev. Dee.

The Holiday Bazaar will be held on Sunday, Nov. 18. The crafts booths will be open from 11 to 2. A roast beef dinner will be served from 11:30 - 1:30 at the parish hall. The theme of the Holiday Bazaar will be "A Cowboy Christmas". A nativity set raffle will be the fund raiser for the event. It will be similar to the nativity set that was offered at last years bazaar. Little Flower Circle will be responsible for the set and decorations; Regina Coeli Circle will do the advertising, bake sale and clean up after the affair; and St. Monica's Circle will take care of the preparation of the meal and clean up of the kitchen area after the meal.

The Diocesan Convention will be held at St. Ann's Catholic

Church on October 19 and 20. The event will begin at 5 pm on Friday as to allow working women to attend. Please call Loretta Britten for information on how to make reservations for the DCCW Convention.

Kay Britten will be the Woman of the Year Nominee.

The group voted to purchase a Suitcase Sound System to use in the parish hall.

Alice Kuehler and Joann Britten will head up the remodeling committee for the parish hall kitchen renovation. They welcome suggestions for improvements.

Lucille Britten made a plea to members to attend on Sunday, October 14th, the Respect Life Pilgrimage to the Cross in Groom. The event will begin at 3 p.m. at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. She also made available to members a packet of information from the American Life League, Inc. on embryonic stem cell research.

A letter was shared with members by Kay

Britten from Michael and Laurie Weinehimer Hofmann of Amarillo chronicling their struggle with their 11 month old son's plight with Insulin Dependent Diabetes Melitus, also known as Type 1 diabetes. Jonathan is the grandson of James and Janice Weinheimer.

The Hofmann's are trying to raise \$5000 for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. People are invited to join in Amarillo's 2nd Annual Walk on Saturday, September 15, 2001, or you can send a tax-deductible contribution to the JDRF c/o Hofmann Family Team, 7202 Columbia Lane, Amarillo, Texas 79109. Please make checks payable to JDRF (Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation). Anything you could do would be greatly appreciated. Last year, 87% of all contributions made to JDRF went directly to research in the fight against this dreaded disease.

The meeting closed with a prayer. The next meeting will be held on Monday, October 8, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. at the home

of Susan Britten. Hostesses for the evening will be Jan Britten and Kim Babcock. The agenda will include finalizing plans for the November Holiday Bazaar.

## TO GIVE AWAY

The Groom News has two free Amarillo Opera tickets available for the September 15 production of Kismet at 7:30 p.m. These tickets are right center, row KK. Anyone wishing to have these tickets may call the news office at 248-7333.



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## COMMISSIONERS' COURT MEETING

On September 10, 2001, the honorable Commissioners' Court of Carson County met. Those present included: Hon. Lewis W. Powers, County Judge; Commissioners, Mike

Britten, Pr. #1, Kenneth Ware, Pr. #2, Jerry Strawn, Pr. #3, and Kevin Howell, Pr. #4.

The minutes of the August 27, 2001 meeting were read and approved. A motion was passed to pay all claims.

The court heard recommendations from consultants from assistance in repairing roofs on county buildings damaged in recent storms. A motion was passed to hire Jim Koontz and Associates of Hobbs, New Mexico to furnish a complete analysis of roof insurance, claims, bids and repairs for the county property.

Bids were opened for a new Department of Public Safety Building to be constructed in Groom. Commissioner Britten made the motion to reject all five bids, stating that the proposals were more than the county was wanting to spend. Bids were received from Plains Inc., Commercial Industrial Builders Inc., Reynosa Construction, Willis Construction, and Panhandle Steel Builders Inc. The court made the decision to reduce the amount of square footage

and advertise for bids again.

The court heard a request to move \$480 within the tax assessor-collector's budget to cover conference and education expenses. The motion was passed to transfer the allocation from line items of subcontractors and computer/office equipment.

Judge Powers informed the court that a county representative needs to be appointed for the Panhandle Emergency Medical Service System. The motion was passed to reappoint Roy Tarpley to the position.

Tax Assessor-Collector Barbara Cosper presented the court with the 2001 proposed tax rate. A

motion carried to adopt the rate. The rates are as follows: General Fund-.234593; Lateral Road-.035804; Special Road/Bridge-.054404; and total tax rate-.324801. Cosper said the rate is reduced from last years assessment of .395418, which means an average home this year will be around \$123 compared to a year ago of \$143.

The court adjourned until September 24, 2001.

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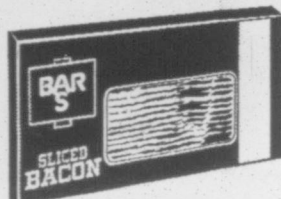
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**FARMING FAMILIES SOUGHT**

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applications for the 2001 Family Land Heritage Program.

Since the program started in 1974, the Family Land Heritage Program has honored 3,850 farms and ranches in 219 counties.

Program applications are available throughout county judges and TDA.

Applications may be obtained on TDA's website at [www.agr.state.tx.us](http://www.agr.state.tx.us) or by writing to Melissa Burns, Texas Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 12847, Austin, Texas 78711; or by calling Ms. Burns at (512) 463-2631. The deadline for submitting applications is

November 15, 2001.

Further information may be obtained by contacting Mogie R. McCray, Carson County Historical Commission Chairman, P.O. Box 310, Panhandle, Texas 79068-0310, (806) 537-5237, or by contacting Carson County Judge, Lewis Powers.

**CITY**

funds, Groom Day and summer programs will become community programs and any funds expended from this account will have to be requested; transfer out of funds for subsidizing sanitation costs in the Water Works was deleted; and in the Water Works funds, allotment

of funds in the other subcategory earmarked for a dump truck was deleted.

In a unanimous decision, the council members voted to slightly lower tax rates from .473210 to .471516 for 2002.

The meeting with no further business was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

BRIEF EXPLANATORY STATEMENTS OF PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS  
Special Election  
NOVEMBER 6, 2001

**PROPOSITION 1**  
(HJR 52)

Proposition 1 would amend the constitution to relinquish the state's claim to certain disputed land in Bastrop County. The amendment would confirm legal title to that land, excluding any mineral interests, to the individuals who hold a disputed title to the land. The amendment would prevent a loss of title by people who bought and paid for property that was never transferred by the state because of faulty surveys.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the clearing of land titles by the release of a state claim of its interest to the owners of certain land in Bastrop County."

**PROPOSITION 2**  
(SJR 37)

Proposition 2 would amend the constitution to establish the process for issuing up to \$175 million of state general obligation bonds and notes to provide aid to counties for access road projects to serve border colonies. Generally, a colony is an economically distressed geographic area with inadequate public services (such as water supplies, sewer services, or paved roads) in a county without adequate resources to provide such services. These projects could include the construction of access roads, the acquisition of materials used in maintaining those roads, and projects related to the construction of those roads, such as road drainage. The Texas Transportation Commission, in consultation with the Governor, would be authorized to determine what constitutes a border colony for purposes of selecting the counties and projects that would receive assistance.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the issuance of state general obligation bonds and notes to provide financial assistance to counties for roadway projects to serve border colonies."

**PROPOSITION 3**  
(SJR 47)

Proposition 3 would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to exempt green coffee and raw cocoa held in Harris County from property taxes in order to qualify Harris County as an exchange port for coffee by the New York Board of Trade. The authorization of exemption would not apply to any other county.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation raw cocoa and green coffee that is held in Harris County."

**PROPOSITION 4**  
(HJR 11)

Proposition 4 would amend the constitution by setting the term of the fire fighters' pension commissioner at four years. The constitution currently provides that the duration of all offices not otherwise fixed by the constitution may not exceed two years.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for a four-year term of office for the fire fighters' pension commissioner."

**PROPOSITION 5**  
(SJR 32)

Proposition 5 would amend the constitution to allow a municipality to donate outdated or surplus equipment, supplies, or other materials used in fighting fires to an underdeveloped country. Current state law does not allow anything of value belonging to the state or its political subdivisions to be donated to another nation.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing municipalities to donate outdated or surplus firefighting equipment or supplies to underdeveloped countries."

**PROPOSITION 6**  
(HJR 45)

Proposition 6 would amend the constitution to require the governor to call a special session of the legislature so that the legislature can appoint presidential electors when the governor determines that it is reasonably likely that the outcome of the election for a presidential candidate's electors will not be clearly determined in time for the appropriate electors to meet before the federal deadline to cast their votes. Under current law, when the people vote for a particular candidate for president, in reality they are voting for that candidate's electors who will meet to cast their votes for president. If the electors are not determined by the certification date, no electoral votes may be cast for the state. The proposed amendment ensures that the state's electoral votes will be cast.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment requiring the governor to call a special session for the appointment of presidential electors under certain circumstances."

**PROPOSITION 7**  
(HJR 82)

Proposition 7 would amend the constitution to authorize the Veterans' Land Board to issue and sell up to \$500 million of additional general obligation bonds to finance additional home mortgage loans to veterans. Additionally, the proposed amendment would authorize the Veterans' Land Board to use assets from the land and housing assistance funds to create, operate, and improve veterans' cemeteries.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the Veterans' Land Board to issue up to \$500 million in general obligation bonds payable from the general revenues of the state for veterans' housing assistance and to use assets in certain veterans' land and veterans' housing assistance funds to provide for veterans' cemeteries."

**PROPOSITION 8**  
(HJR 97)

Proposition 8 would amend the constitution to allow the legislature to authorize the Texas Public Finance Authority to issue and sell up to \$850 million of general obligation bonds. The proceeds of the sale of the bonds would pay for construction and repair projects or for the purchase of needed equipment by the General Services Commission, the Texas Youth Commission, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, the

Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation, the Parks and Wildlife Department, the adjutant general's department, the Texas School for the Deaf, the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Public Safety, the State Preservation Board, the Texas Department of Health, the Texas Historical Commission, or the Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the issuance of up to \$850 million in bonds payable from the general revenues of the state for construction and repair projects and for the purchase of needed equipment."

**PROPOSITION 9**  
(HJR 47)

Proposition 9 would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to provide for filling vacancies in the legislature without an election if only one person is a qualified candidate in the election to fill the vacancy. Under current law, a special election must be held to fill a vacancy in the legislature even if there is only one qualified candidate.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the filling of a vacancy in the legislature without an election if a candidate is running unopposed in an election to fill a vacancy."

**PROPOSITION 10**  
(SJR 6)

Proposition 10 would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to exempt certain items of personal property from property taxation by political subdivisions of the state if the property is warehoused temporarily in a location in Texas to be assembled, stored, manufactured, processed, fabricated, or repaired and then forwarded to another location inside or outside Texas. The proposed amendment would authorize a political subdivision that imposes ad valorem taxes, at its option, to tax this type of property after a local public hearing on the matter.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to promote equal tax treatment for products produced, acquired, and distributed in the State of Texas by authorizing the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation tangible personal property held at certain locations only temporarily for assembling, manufacturing, processing, or other commercial purposes."

**PROPOSITION 11**  
(HJR 85)

Proposition 11 would amend the constitution to allow a schoolteacher, a retired schoolteacher, or a retired school administrator who serves as a member of a governing body of a school district, city, town, or other local governmental district, including a water district, to receive compensation for serving on such a governing body. Currently, state employees or other individuals who are compensated directly or indirectly from state funds are barred from receiving a salary for such service.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to allow current and retired public school teachers and retired public school administrators to receive compensation for serving on the governing bodies of school districts, cities, towns, or other local governmental districts, including water districts."

**PROPOSITION 12**  
(HJR 75)

Proposition 12 would amend, repeal, or relocate several sections of the current

constitution to improve the clarity, organization, and consistency of the constitution.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to eliminate obsolete, archaic, redundant, and unnecessary provisions and to clarify, update, and harmonize certain provisions of the Texas Constitution."

**PROPOSITION 13**  
(SJR 2)

Proposition 13 would amend the constitution to allow the legislature to authorize a board of trustees of an independent school district to donate real property and improvements formerly used as a school campus in order to preserve that property. The board may make the donation if the board determines that the property has historical significance, that the donation will help to preserve the property, and that the school district no longer needs the property for educational purposes.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to authorize the board of trustees of an independent school district to donate certain surplus district property of historical significance in order to preserve the property."

**PROPOSITION 14**  
(HJR 44)

Proposition 14 would amend the constitution to allow the legislature to authorize a taxing unit, other than a school district, to exempt travel trailers from property taxation as long as the travel trailers are lawfully registered with the state and are not held or used for the production of income.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to authorize taxing units other than school districts to exempt from ad valorem taxation travel trailers that are not held or used for the production of income."

**PROPOSITION 15**  
(SJR 16)

Proposition 15 would amend the constitution to create the Texas Mobility Fund, which would be administered by the Texas Transportation Commission. The Fund would finance the construction, acquisition, and expansion of state highways and would pay a portion of the costs of public toll roads and other public transportation projects. The legislature may reserve specific sources of state revenue for the Fund and may authorize the Commission to guarantee the payment of any obligations or credit agreements with the full faith and credit of the state. The attorney general shall determine the legality of any such obligations or credit agreements.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment creating the Texas Mobility Fund and authorizing grants and loans of money and issuance of obligations for financing the construction, reconstruction, acquisition, operation, and expansion of state highways, turnpikes, toll roads, toll bridges, and other mobility projects."

**PROPOSITION 16**  
(HJR 5)

Proposition 16 would amend the constitution to reduce the waiting period required for a valid home improvement lien on a homestead from 12 days to 5 days. Currently, a lien may not attach to a homestead for a home improvement loan if the homeowner executed a contract for the improvements less than 12 days after applying for the loan. In addition, the proposed amendment would

authorize the conversion and refinancing of a personal property lien secured by a manufactured home to a lien on a homestead.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment prescribing requirements for imposing a lien for work and material used in the construction, repair, or renovation of improvements on residential homestead property and including the conversion and refinancing of a personal property lien secured by a manufactured home to a lien on real property as a debt on homestead property protected from a forced sale."

**PROPOSITION 17**  
(HJR 53)

Proposition 17 would amend the constitution to allow the state to relinquish claim to certain state land and to clear title defects for persons who claim title to those lands. The proposed amendment would apply to land whose owners have disputed title to the land, but for which no patent from the state, giving clear title to the land, was ever issued. Among other requirements, all of the taxes due on the land must have been paid. Under current law, there is no procedure allowing the state to settle title disputes without a constitutional amendment for each piece of land in dispute.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to settle land title disputes between the state and a private party."

**PROPOSITION 18**  
(SJR 49)

Proposition 18 would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to create a program to consolidate and standardize the collection, deposit, reporting, and payment of criminal and civil court fees. If the legislature creates such a program, any new fees imposed by the legislature may not take effect before January 1 of the following year, unless an earlier effective date is approved by a vote of two-thirds of the members of each house of the legislature.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to promote uniformity in the collection, deposit, reporting, and remitting of civil and criminal fees."

**PROPOSITION 19**  
(HJR 81)

Proposition 19 would amend the constitution to allow the Texas Water Development Board to issue up to \$2 billion of additional general obligation bonds. The Board issues bonds to pay for water supply projects, water quality enhancement projects, flood control projects, state participation in water and wastewater facilities, and projects for economically distressed areas. Current law limits the amount of bonds that the Board can issue.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of additional general obligation bonds by the Texas Water Development Board in an amount not to exceed \$2 billion."

Estos son los informes explicatorios sobre las enmiendas propuestas a la constitución que aparecerán en la boleta el 6 de noviembre de 2001. Si usted no ha recibido una copia de los informes en español, podrá obtener una gratis por llamada al 1/800/252/8683 o por escrito al Secretario de Estado, P.O. Box 12060, Austin, TX 78711.